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Santorum quits race, handing Romney Republican crown



Rick Santorum announcing the suspension of his campaign, on April 10, 2012 in Gettysburg, Pa.

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Rick Santorum yesterday dropped his long-shot White House bid, effectively handing Mitt Romney the Republican party

crown to challenge President Barack Obama in November elections.

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The idea of a streetcar is technically very interesting, according to Dutch official



ORANJESTAD -- Secretary General for Interior Affairs and Dutch Kingdom Relations, Roos van Erp, paid Aruba a short visit last week. Van Erp met with the Prime Minister who took the time to share with the Dutch Kingdom official ongoing projects on Aruba as well as other matters of common interest.

The Prime Minister took Van Erp to the Exposition Hall in the main street where she was given a picturesque view of the more than eighty construction projects currently in the works or completed or still to be begun. The trip, on foot, to the Exposition Hall also included a stop in the main street to observe the work under construction there.

Roos Van Erp seemed keenly interested in the streetcar project which will run from the wharf to the Main Street. She had several questions and appeared very knowledgeable about what is taking place on Aruba. In her own words: ... "I find what I've seen to be very interesting.

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"The Digital World" - Theme for ATIA's workshop Today!

ORANJESTAD -- Social communication and the digital era is impacting us greatly, and it behooves us to be well-versed in the digital communication world. The ATIA (Aruba Trade and Industry Association) has scheduled an innovative, interactive, knowledge-packed workshop for the Aruba business community to be held today, April 11th from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm in their meeting facilities situated in the Pedro Gallegosstraat in Dakota.

Wake Forest University Professor Ananda Mitra, who made an impact with his presentation here last year, has been invited back for this workshop this year. Ananda Mitra is a recognized authority on communication, not only on traditional media, but especially in the area of social media, which has become the most used media today.

The workshop promises to cover a vast area, be interactive and full of relevant information for everyone. This will be an opportunity to enrich oneself with the knowledge and strategies of various areas of interest and



Professor Ananda Mitra

of the benefits for commercialization. ATIA is pleased to present this workshop on social media for the members of her organization, but also for the rest of the Aruban commercial industry.

Admission to the workshop is gratis for all ATIA members. A nominal fee of Ar.25 will be charged to non-members for admission to the workshop. ATIA will also be raffling an Android Smartphone among all participants of the workshop. Early reservation to the workshop is required by calling the ATIA office at Tel.582-7593 or by registering online at rsvp@atiaruba.org.



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The new Collective Work Agreement for AAA employees has been signed for a period of 4 years



ORANJESTAD - On April 5, 2012, Aruba Airport Authority N.V. (AAA) CEO Mr. Peter Steinmetz and AAA Director Operations Mr. Jurgen Benschop together with the president of STA Mr. Diego de Cuba and the secretary of STA Mr. Reynold Vrolijk in the presence of Minister of Tourism, Mr. Otmar Oduber,

signed the new Collective Working Agreement (CWA) for a period of 4 years. The new CWA will run retroactively from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2015 and applies to 140 of the 180 employees of AAA.

After a relatively short and eventless negotiation period, without any mediation from

The idea of a streetcar . . .

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As a civil engineer myself, my interest is very big and this is why I could have asked so many questions about the construction of the buildings and of your planning. I find the idea of the

the National Mediator or collective actions both parties agreed on a mutually beneficial CWA last week. The new CWA will provide the AAA employees amongst others an annual increase in salary and increased benefits for the agreed period.

"This CWA gives security and tranquility to both parties involved. Innovative is an annual incentive bonus linked to the company's financial performance. This will motivate employees to contribute to the performance of the company in the coming years. Congratulations to all the employees who will no doubt benefit from the new CWA!" said Peter Steinmetz, AAA CEO.



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"Weveriana" Musical Concert a must-see on Sunday!

The "Weveriana" commission has organized a concert of Aruban composers to be held on Sunday, April 15th from 4:00 to 6:00pm in the Cas Di Cultura. This is one of those concerts you don't ever want to miss! The theme of the concert is "WEVERIANA!"

The primary objective of this concert is to promote compositions by Aruban composers, and to conserve an important part of our culture. At this same time this will afford Aruban artist an opportunity to demonstrate their musical talent and delight the audience with music composed locally. The occasion will also be homage to the Wever family who has produced various compositions.

Here is a list of the Wever composer clan: Rufo Wever, Oswald Wever, Jacobo (Toti) Arends and Maria Wever.

The artists to interpret the different compositions are: Victor Camacho (piano), Livio Hermans (piano), Albert Croes (piano), Vivian Lampe (piano), Mandy Villasmil (piano), Wicha Ponson-Wever (piano), Emile Ponson (piano), Ivan Jansen (guitar), Edwin (Jack) Tromp (vocalist), Lidwina Booij (vocalist), Arlenne Wever-Croes (vocalist), Gordiana Rozenberg (vocalist), Floor Huygen (German Flute), Gerald Martes (saxophone), Hester Matthijsse (violin), Mario Middendorp (base), Ebby Peterson (percussion) and Papito Rafael (wiri and vocalist), Doodle Sophia and

Rachel Kraijvanger (vocalist).

Master of Ceremonies for the occasion will be Ito Tromp who has a profound knowledge of the history and development of our local music.

Members of the organizing "Weveriana" committee are: Livio Hermans, Persey Jeandor, Vivian Lampe, Herbert Diaz, Joyce Pereira, Willy Richardson, Irais Sankatsing-Nava, Oswald Wever and Vivian Wever.

Admission to the concert is Afsl.25, and for children under 18 years, Afsl.15. Tickets are available at Van Dorp and at the entrance of the Cas Di Cultura.

This is definitely one of those concerts you can not afford to miss, so plan to be there by all means! This will be Aruban music at its very best.

Oil product prices rises today

ORANJESTAD – The Ministry of Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs announces to the general public that as of today, Wednesday, April 11, 2012, there will be changes in different oil product prices.



per liter.

- The new price for unleaded-premium gas will be 252.4 cent per liter, an increase of 10.3 cent per liter

- The new price for diesel LS will be 219.8 cent per liter, an increase of 2.4 cent

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Ateliers '89 present: Sonida y Sombra- "Sound & Shadow" exhibit



Instructors Han Muller and Jose Vonk

The results of the newest workshops at Ateliers '89 Contemporary Art Center in Oranjestad went on display on Thursday evening, April 5 in the main and auxiliary galleries. Director Elvis Lopez was pleased to welcome back guest instructors Hans Muller



Sculpture by Susan van Spall

itveld Academy in Amsterdam.

Hans Muller, who taught an animation class on Aruba previously, this time presented a program on "3-D Sound Object," requiring students to investigate "less obvious" materials for their creations, paper specifically, which received a number of interesting and creative treatments, from folding to papier-mâché. They also deployed polyurethane foam and plaster; throughout, they were

Jose Vonk's class "Shadow Imagery and Animation," began with the very basic techniques of animation, using silhouetted figures and artistic medium dating back to Ancient Greece. In some ways, this required greater imagination and sophistication by the students to infuse them with life. The animation was created by taking a series of still shots while minutely manipulating the figures, then editing the pictures and adding music and sound in a video program, very much like stop-motion techniques for 3-dimensional objects.

Ateliers '89 main gallery houses the sculpture collection and the original shadow art of the animation class, while the auxiliary room plays the animation.

The exhibit will continue until the completion of the upcoming workshop on the Art of Theater Performance beginning on Wednesday, April 16, featuring guest instructor Laurence Graham-Brown, originally of Jamaica, but now a resident of New York.

Ateliers '89 is located at Dominicanessenstraat 34, call 588-5776 or 565-4613 for hours and directions.

by Rosalie Klein



Charles Croes and his freehanging sculpture

and Jose Vonk, who taught classes in Sculpture and Animation, respectively. Both are renowned artists and lecturers at the prestigious Gerrit Re-

encouraged to take a free, spontaneous approach to their creations, allowing them to evolve as the paper was manipulated.

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Food for Thought

One of the greatest gifts we can give ourselves for the new year, is the gift of forgiveness.

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But, the greatest gift is that of forgiveness of others.

We need to forgive others who hurt us, who slighted us, who neglected us, who cheated us, who lied about us; those who treated us unfairly.

Forgive those who condemned us because they thought it was right to do so. Forgive them all.

Forgiveness will free us to live and enjoy life to the fullest. Determine not be boxed in, shut in, crippled by a spirit of unforgiveness.

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ATA shares impressive tourism results for March 2012

ORANJESTAD -- After a successful February of tourism growth, the Aruba Tourism Authority is happy to report on the results for the month of March 2012. According to ATA, March shows an overall growth of 5.1% in visitor arrivals compared to March 2011.

In March 2011 Aruba received 76.938 visitors, while March 2012 shows 80.824 visitor arrivals. In absolute figures the difference is 3.886 more visitors compared to 2011 for the same month.

March 2011 was a very strong month because of the Carnival which fell in the month of March.

Historically, March is a month when consumers have free time to travel. March 2012 resulted in a great month, which is remarkable considering the many challenges facing 2012.

North America

From North America, our principal market, Aruba saw an increase of 3.8%. The Mid-Atlantic, Mid-West and South-East regions grew by 14.4%, 2.5%, 16.7% while the Western region dropped by 8.2%.

In all, this represents an absolute growth of 1939. This is definitely a very positive result for the North American region with all of its challenges.

Canada also grew by 1.15%. The interest from Canada to travel to Aruba was very high, but Tour Operators encountered various "stop sales" because there were not enough rooms.

This, reportedly, was noted in other markets as well - both in Europe and in Latin America. One of the factors that influenced the growth from the North American market was that in the month of March many incentive groups chose Aruba for their trip.

Latin America

The Latin American market showed a significant increase last year and has continued to do so this year. For the month of March the leader in the growth increase is Colombia which grew by 51.46% compared to March 2011. This percentage is equal to 1295 visitors from Colombia in March 2012, which is 440 more than in March 2011. Following Colombia is Argentina with a growth of 39.84% more than in March 2011. Venezuela grew by 35.67% which is equal to 2257 more visitors compared to last year.

The Brazilian market saw a decline of 42.60% compared to March 2011. This is primarily due to the fact that Carnival was celebrated in February and not in March compared to last year.

Another factor is that the amount of available airline

seats, even though there was an increase of seats for 2012, limits the growth in the different markets.

As for the month of March when Colombia and Argentina grow, this influences the amount of seats available for Brazil, for example. ATA is working diligently on finding a solution for this challenge. Perhaps they will have to increase the flights to be able to service the large number of visitors demanding to come to Aruba.

Europe

The European market also resulted in being very positive in the month of March. The leader was the German market with a growth of 77.48% followed by Belgium with a growth of 65.08% and the Scandinavian countries which also recorded an increase in visitors to Aruba.

The Holland market re-

mained the same, while from Italy there was a decrease due to the charter which is no longer flying to Aruba. This charter stopped flying because they did not succeed in signing an agreement of certain hotel tariffs.

England also had a decline of 6.77% compared to 2011 which was primarily due to the fact that the economy of the country has not yet rebounded.

ATA is extremely pleased with these results. These results are definitely because of their efforts locally and in each of the markets.

Challenges continue to face Aruba this year, including for the month of April. But, ATA is working diligently together with her partners to combat the "softness" that may present itself in the different markets. Additional budget funds have been allocated to try and boost wherever this is necessary this year.

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International News

Santorum quits race

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Despite an upset victory when he won the very first contest in the Republican nominating race in Iowa in January, Santorum has failed to build any momentum.

"This presidential race is over for me," Santorum told supporters in Gettysburg, in his home state of Pennsylvania.

He has trailed a distant second in the battle to be the party's contender aiming to thwart Obama's hopes of a second four-year term, outspent by Romney's deep war chest and out-organized by his extensive grass-roots network.

Over the Easter weekend, the former Pennsylvania senator halted campaigning for four days after his youngest daughter, Bella, who suffers from a rare genetic disorder, was hospitalized again.

Santorum acknowledged it had been a "difficult weekend," and said while Bella was getting better, "it did cause us to think."

"While this presidential race is over for me and we will suspend our campaign effective today, we are not done fighting," he said.

His surprise decision to quit the race came just two weeks before a primary vote in Pennsylvania, amid polls showing he could lose the state to Romney.

With Romney enjoying a commanding lead in the delegates race that determines the

nominee, the party establishment had been urging Santorum to step aside and allow the party to coalesce around one single candidate.

Romney swiftly congratulated Santorum for being "an able and worthy competitor" and for the campaign he had run.

A devout Catholic, Santorum's radical views on religion, women and marriage played well with the party's conservative base, but were alienating the all-important voting bloc of moderates and independents.

The 53-year-old former Pennsylvania senator was a virtual unknown on the national scene when he first threw his hat into the ring in June to be the Republican nominee.

Despite being written off early on, Santorum built his campaign state-by-state, winning key successes in some of the southern conservative states.

His pro-life, anti-contraception, marriage-only-between-a-man-a-woman message gained traction with heartland evangelicals deeply skeptical of Romney, who they view as a moderate disguised in conservative clothing.

Romney, the multi-millionaire former governor of the liberal East Coast state of Massachusetts, has also stirred controversy, with many saying he is out of touch with ordi-

nary people struggling in the tough economy.

He has also drawn suspicion because of his Mormon faith.

Pressure will now build on former House speaker Newt Gingrich to pull out and allow the party to heal from the divisive campaign and come together around Romney ahead of the November 6 presidential polls.

Gingrich, who has won just two contests and is also lagging far behind his rivals with his campaign mired in debt, acknowledged Sunday that Romney was his party's "most likely" nominee.

But he insisted he was staying in the race despite being far outpaced, after polls once had him as the leading Republican to take on Obama.

If Romney gets the 1,144 delegates to clinch the nomination at the party's August convention in Tampa, Florida, Gingrich said: "I'll support him. I'll do everything I can this fall to help him defeat Obama."

Libertarian Texas congressman Ron Paul also remains in the race but has no hope of winning the party's nomination.

TRIPOLI (AFP) - An explosive device was thrown at a convoy carrying the head of the United Nations mission to Libya on Tuesday, a UN spokeswoman said, adding that there were no casualties.

UN envoy Ian Martin, who is tasked with assisting the interim authorities in their transition to democracy, was aboard the convoy.

No one was hurt in the blast, which could have been caused by a hand grenade, Hua Jiang told AFP.

Mohammed al-Gezziri, spokesman for Benghazi's high security council, confirmed

Pentagon chief, Afghans discuss US role after 2014

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US and Afghan defense chiefs on Tuesday discussed the future of American troops in Afghanistan after 2014, with both sides calling for a long-term security partnership.

US Defense Leon Panetta hosted Afghan Defense Minister Abdul Rahim Wardak and Interior Minister Bismillah Khan Mohammadi at the Pentagon two days after Washington and Kabul signed a deal putting Afghans in charge of controversial night raids, removing a major obstacle to a security pact governing the US military's future presence beyond 2014.

Panetta, with top US military officer General Martin Dempsey at his side, said he looked forward to discussing "our ability to arrive at a strategic partnership agreement that will again be another step forward in our relationship."

The Pentagon chief called the newly-signed memorandum on night operations a milestone in a gradual handover from NATO to Afghan security forces, scheduled to be complete by the end of 2014.

"The fact that we were able to achieve an agreement I think was a very important step forward to ensure that we will

make the transition to Afghan operations, but we will do it in a responsible and effective way," Panetta said.

US commanders have recently signaled that the eventual troop strength of the Afghan forces would be dramatically scaled back from initial plans, amid concerns about the cost that will be absorbed mostly by the United States and its allies.

He said both countries shared the same goal of establishing "a sovereign Afghanistan that can in fact secure and govern itself."

Wardak and Mohammadi thanked their US counterparts for the sacrifices of American troops and the defense minister said Afghan forces had made genuine progress on the battlefield over the past year.

Most of the 130,000 NATO-led troops in the country are due to leave by the end of 2014, but US officials have left the door open to retaining a smaller US force.

Washington and Kabul still have to hammer out what bases and airfields US forces would be able to use after 2014 and possible legal protections for American troops -- an issue that derailed a possible security deal in Iraq last year.

Several Western and Arab diplomats have visited the country without incident since the regime of Moamer Kadhafi was toppled last year.

But the blast could push foreign dignitaries and expatriates in the oil sector to think twice before coming back to the north African nation.

Libya's neighbours and analysts warn that Kadhafi's weapons have spread across the region and fallen into the hands of Al-Qaeda-linked groups.

Blast hits UN convoy in Libya

there were no casualties and said "investigations were under way to determine who is behind the attack."

Gezziri said the convoy was attacked on its way to visit his council.

He said investigators will use footage recorded by security cameras in a bank near the site of the blast to identify the assailant.

The United States condemned the attack.

"We are, again, taking this opportunity to call on all armed groups in Libya to exercise restraint, to refrain from violence, to work through their

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International News

Syrian forces ignore deadline, pound protest hubs

DAMASCUS (AFP) - More than 50 people died Tuesday as Syrian forces pounded protest hubs on the day it was to begin implementing a ceasefire deal, prompting a UN Security Council call on Damascus to meet the deadline.

Syria said it was abiding by the deal, but UN-Arab League envoy Kofi Annan accused it of pulling troops from some areas and moving them elsewhere.

At the same time, the rebel Free Syrian Army warned it would resume attacks if the government offensive does not stop.

Washington said it hoped the UN Security Council would consider action if Annan concludes that Damascus broke its commitment to pull troops and heavy weapons out of key cities on Tuesday.

In a first reaction, the council called on President Bashar al-Assad to keep a Thursday deadline for a complete ceasefire.

In a statement read by US Ambassador Susan Rice, it backed a demand by Annan for Damascus to make a "fundamental change of course" to end hostilities by 6:00 am Damascus time on Thursday.

Under the Annan deal, Syria is supposed to withdraw its forces from population centres on Tuesday ahead of a complete ceasefire by all parties on Thursday.

In Moscow, Syrian Foreign Minister Walid Muallem claimed Damascus had begun carrying out the deal by withdrawing some troops out of certain provinces.

But Annan, visiting Syrian refugees in Turkey, said that while the army had indicated it was pulling out of some areas he had received reports of troops moving into other parts of the country.

In a letter to the Security Council, he said "the days before April 10 could have been an opportunity for the government of Syria to send a powerful political signal of peace. In the last five days it has become clear that such a signal has yet to be issued."

A "fundamental change of course" was needed by Assad to achieve a ceasefire in the

next 48 hours.

The United Nations says more than 9,000 people have been killed since anti-regime protests broke out in March 2011. Monitors put the number at more than 10,000.

Free Syrian Army spokesman Colonel Kassem Saadeddine warned that rebel forces would resume attacking regular forces if they do not withdraw.

But Muallem insisted Damascus had begun implementing the Annan plan.

"We have already withdrawn military units from different Syrian provinces," he told a Moscow news conference after talks with Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov.

Lavrov said Syria should be more decisive in fulfilling the Annan plan, which most notably calls on Syria to pull troops and weaponry out of cities hit by protests.

White House spokesman Jay Carney said Washington had so far only seen evidence of further "brutality and aggression" from Assad's forces.

There was equally tough language from London and Paris.

"There is no evidence so far that the Assad regime has any intention of adhering to any agreement it makes," Britain's Foreign Secretary William Hague said.

French foreign ministry spokesman Bernard Valero called Muallem's assertion that Syria pulled troops out of some areas "a new expression of a flagrant and unacceptable lie."

Annan arrived in Iran late on Tuesday night for talks centring on the Islamic republic's key regional ally, the official IRNA news agency reported.

Iran has repeated that it fully backs Assad's regime, and has lent it political and material support.



DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA, Tangchaj-ri : A Unha-3 rocket is pictured at Tangachaj-ri space center on April 8, 2012. North Korea has confirmed their intention to launch the rocket next week despite international condemnations. AFP PHOTO

Flemish far-right party creates anti-immigrant website

BRUSSELS (AFP) - A Flemish far-right party in Belgium launched a website Tuesday inviting people to report crimes committed by illegal immigrants, mirroring a controversial initiative in the Netherlands.

"This is completely illegal. Mr Dewinter knows this very well. He wants to shock and provoke," De Witte said.

The Dutch far-right Freedom Party created a similar website, titled "Report Middle and Eastern Europeans," asking people whether they have been annoyed by noise, drunkenness or squalor associated with migrant workers or lost jobs to them.

The European Parliament has called the website "deplorable" and pressed Prime Minister Mark Rutte to distance himself from it.

The Dutch parliament voted last month to denounce the website, but Rutte, whose majority in the 150-seat lower house requires support from the PVV's 23 lawmakers, has declined to condemn it.

A European Commission spokesman said such websites "do not correspond to the values that we defend," but the EU's executive arm said it was up to national authorities to decide whether to take action against them.

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Health & Living

Herbal remedy blamed for high cancer rate in Taiwan: study



WASHINGTON (AFP) - A toxic ingredient in a popular herbal remedy is linked to more than half of all cases of urinary tract cancer in Taiwan where use of traditional medicine is widespread, said a US study.

Aristolochic acid (AA) is a potent human carcinogen that is found naturally in Aristolochia plants, an ingredient common in botanical Asian remedies for aiding weight loss, easing joint pain and improving stomach ailments.

The ancient herb has been touted around the world for thousands of years for everything from gout to childbirth, but scientists now know it carries serious risks of causing kidney disease and urinary cancers.

The research was based on 151 patients with urinary tract cancer, of whom 60 percent showed specific mutations linked to the herbal remedy.

In particular, after being ingested the acid forms a unique kind of lesion in the renal cortex, and also gives rise to a particular mutational signature in the TP53 tumor suppressing gene, said the study.

The herb is known in Europe by the name birthwort because it was often given to women during childbirth. Derived from the Greek, "aristolochia" means noble birth.

Signs of harm have emerged in recent decades, and the acid is blamed for causing a kidney disease called Balkan endemic nephropathy, first described in 1956, that afflicted rural farmers.

In the 1990s, a group of Belgian women reported sudden late stage kidney failure after taking a weight loss drug that contained AA.

And even though many countries have taken steps to warn of the risks, the ingredient is difficult to control and still finds its way into products via the Internet, said Grollman, adding that most of the AA products currently being used in Taiwan are made in China.

The US Food and Drug Administration warned of the risks of aristolochic acid in 2001 after two patients developed serious kidney disease after using botanical products containing it.

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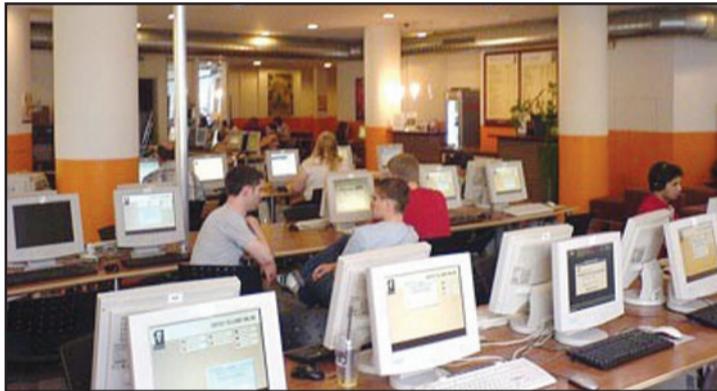
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Sci-Tech**Iran denies has plan to cut Internet access**

TEHERAN (AFP) - Iran has denied online reports surfacing Tuesday that it plans to cut access to the Internet in August and replace it with a national intranet, according to a statement by the ministry of communication and information technology.

The reports derived from a supposed interview with Communications Minister Reza Taghipour published on April 1 that was in fact a hoax, the ministry said in the statement on its own site www.ict.gov.ir -- which itself was not accessible outside of Iran.

"The report is in no way confirmed by the ministry" and is "completely baseless," the ministry statement said.

The hoax report quoted Taghipour saying that Iran

would from August launch a "clean internet" that would block popular services like Google and Hotmail and replace them with government-sponsored search engines and e-mail services.

The ministry statement slammed the false report as serving "the propaganda wing of the West and providing its hostile media with a pretext emanating from a baseless claim."

Iran, however, does have plans to establish a "national information network" billed as a totally closed system that would function like a sort of intranet for the Islamic republic.

Taghipour said in early April that the plan would be fully implemented by March 2013.

But he did not explain whether access to the Internet would be cut, or whether Iran's "national information network" would exist alongside the world wide web.

Iran in any case currently censors millions of websites deemed un-Islamic, and has from time to time imposed temporary additional restrictions.

The last time it did so, in February, popular e-mail services such as Gmail, Hotmail and Yahoo were cut or slowed to an unusable speed for Iran's 33 million web users.

**Radiation from Japan found in kelp off US West Coast**

(AFP) - Radioactive iodine was found in kelp off the US West Coast following last year's earthquake-triggered Fukushima Daiichi nuclear meltdown, according to a new study.

It was already known that radioactive iodine 131 (131-I), carried in the atmosphere, made it across the Pacific within days of the March 11,

2011 tsunami disaster, albeit in minuscule amounts.

But marine biologists at California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) discovered the radioactive isotope in ocean kelp, which is "one of the strongest plant accumulators of iodine," within a month of the accident.

"We measured significant, although most likely non-harmful levels of radioactive iodine in tissue of the giant kelp *Macrocystis pyrifera*," said Steven L. Manley, author of the study with Christopher G. Lowe

"Although it is probably not harmful for humans because it was relatively low levels, it may have affected certain fish that graze on the tissue because fish have a thyroid system that utilizes iodine."

The study, "Canopy-Forming Kelps as California's

Coastal Dosimeter: 131I from Damaged Japanese Reactor Measured in *Macrocystis pyrifera*," appears in the online edition of the journal Environmental Science & Technology.

The Fukushima Daiichi plant, 220 kilometers (135 miles) northeast of Tokyo was crippled by meltdowns and explosions after the quake and tsunami, which killed more than 19,000 people.

Radiation was scattered over a large area and made its way into the sea, air and food chain in the weeks and months after the disaster.

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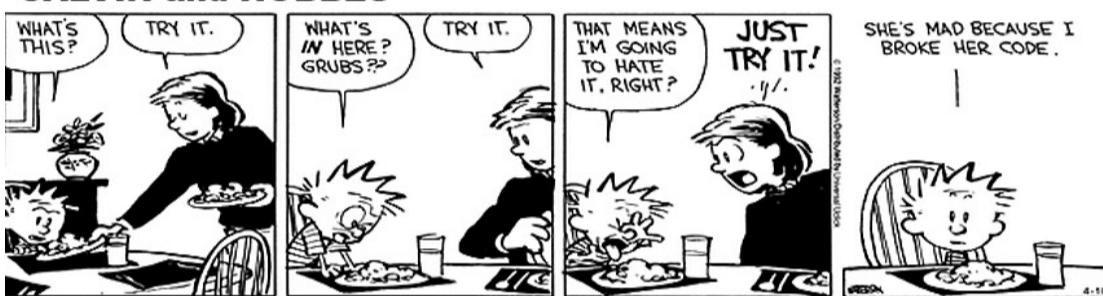
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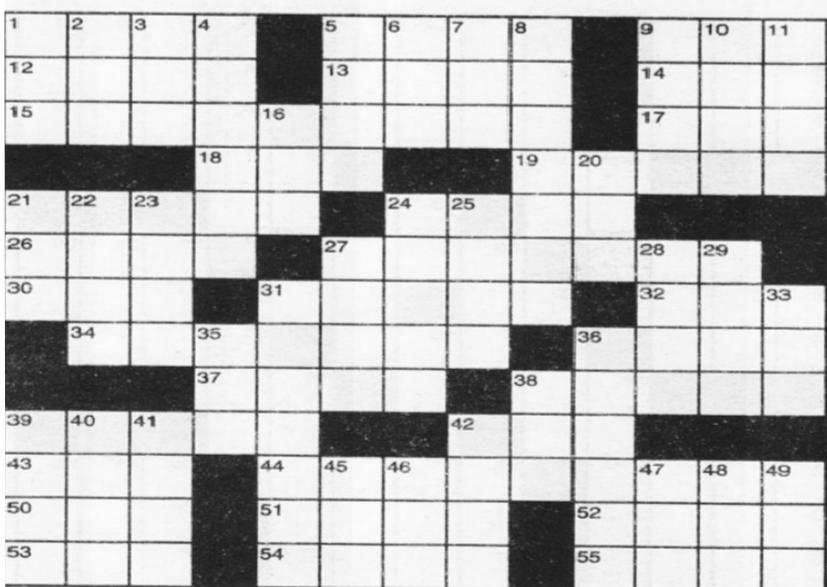
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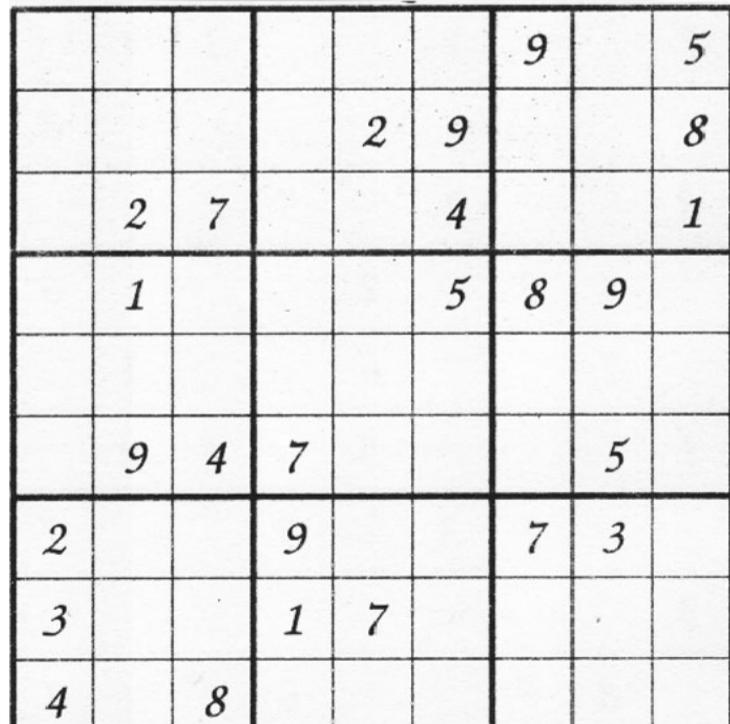
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Finance

Oil dives on weak China, US data

NEW YORK (AFP) - Oil prices sank yesterday, mirroring global equity markets, as traders fretted over weak economic data in China and the United States, and amid resurgent concerns over the eurozone debt crisis.

New York's main contract, West Texas Intermediate crude for May, dived \$1.44 to close at \$101.02 a barrel.

Brent North Sea crude for delivery in May tumbled \$2.79 to \$119.88 a barrel in London.

"Crude fell under pressure from a broader market sell-off amid renewed growth concerns (and) soft import numbers from China, including a slight slowdown to crude shipments in March," said VTB Capital analyst Andrey Kryuchenkov.

Oil was also hit by "disappointing (US) nonfarm payroll data, and concerns over China

and (the) eurozone", he added.

Markets were also slammed by worries over rising eurozone government bond yields, which reflected deep concern over the region's ongoing debt crisis.

The US Labor Department reported Friday that the American economy created only 120,000 jobs in March, well short of forecasts for upwards of 200,000 jobs.

"Friday's weak nonfarm payroll data from the US has also weighed on prices, as it casts doubt over the strength of the US recovery," added analyst David Morrison at trading group GFT.

Mixed Chinese trade figures yesterday raised concerns about the world's number-two economy, which is also the biggest consumer of energy.

China said it recorded a trade surplus of \$5.35 billion

for March, reversing a trade deficit of \$31.48 billion for February.

However, it also said exports rose a relatively weak 8.9 percent, while imports were up just 5.3 percent, suggesting domestic consumption in the country of 1.3 billion people is flagging.

Oil prices rose briefly in Asian deals earlier yesterday on the back of worries about a possible disruption to Middle East supplies, analysts said.

Major crude producer Iran on Monday confirmed it would hold talks with world powers in Istanbul on Saturday over Tehran's controversial nuclear program.

Iran last held talks with the so-called P5+1 powers -- Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States plus Germany -- in January 2011 but with no result.

Wall Street sinks, S&P below support level

NEW YORK - Stocks fell in a broad and steep decline yesterday, with the S&P 500 dropping for a fifth day to break under a key support level.

The industrial and materials sectors represented the stocks suffering the biggest drops. More than four-fifths of the stocks traded on the New York Stock Exchange slid, while about 80 percent of Nasdaq-listed shares declined.

The three major U.S. stock indexes fell more than 1 percent in midday trading, with the S&P 500 sliding below its 50-day moving average of 1,372.30.

That area is viewed as the support level that will make or break the current uptrend as Wall Street enters the first-quarter earnings season.

"Dropping below that level suggests a loss of momentum,

and it looks pretty widespread," said Katie Stockton, chief market technician at MKM Partners in Greenwich, Connecticut, who added that the S&P 500 could fall down to about 1,350.

The CBOE Volatility Index <.VIX> surged 10.4 percent to 20.77, and was up for the eighth straight day, its longest streak of consecutive gains in nearly nine years. At its session high, the VIX touched 20.98 - up 11.5 percent for the day.

Dow component Alcoa Inc, a bellwether for the industrial sector, will kick off the quarterly earnings season after the closing bell when it releases its results. Alcoa's stock fell 2.6 percent to \$9.35.

Apple shares dropped quickly from hitting a new high of \$644 per share to briefly top a \$600 billion mar-

ket capitalization. Its stock later fell 1.1 percent to \$629.36.

The Dow Jones industrial average <.DJI> was down 202.76 points, or 1.57 percent, at 12,726.83. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index <.SPX> was down 20.50 points, or 1.48 percent, at 1,361.70. The Nasdaq Composite Index <.IXIC> was down 49.84 points, or 1.64 percent, at 2,997.24.

The Nasdaq also fell below its 50-day moving average of 2,988.42. If the Nasdaq ends near that level or lower, it will be its first close below 3,000 since March 12.

The Standard & Poor's 500 Index is still up 8.1 percent so far this year - compared with its gain of 12 percent at the end of the first quarter.

But the benchmark index has fallen 2.6 percent in the past four sessions as investors questioned the economy's strength and the U.S. Federal Reserve's resolve to keep the easy money flooding into the market.

Some analysts view the pullback as a buying opportunity, while others see it as the start of a long-awaited correction.

"We've had a really strong run and we've needed a correction, so it makes sense for people to take profits off the table," said Weyman Gong, chief investment strategist at Signature in Norfolk, Virginia, which has \$2.5 billion in assets under management. "Still, if we go down further, we might use that as an opportunity to add exposure."



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Alcoa swings into surprise profit

NEW YORK (AFP) - Aluminum giant Alcoa said yesterday it swung into profit in the first quarter, boosted by improved productivity and market conditions.

After the stock market closed, Alcoa, the first member of the blue-chip Dow Jones Industrial Average to report earnings this year, reported net income of \$94 million, following a \$191 million loss in the fourth quarter of 2011.

Excluding special items, Alcoa earned 10 cents per share, surprising analysts who on average estimated a loss of four cents.

Sales also beat forecasts, rising to \$6.01 billion in the first three months of the year, slightly more than in the prior and year-ago quarters.

While an improvement, the first-quarter results were sharply below the year-ago profit of \$308 million.

The world's largest producer of aluminum said the quarter-on-quarter rebound was driven by strong productivity improvements across all its businesses, higher prices for aluminum, and a better volume and mix.

"Performance rebounded strongly this quarter due to our proactive cash sustainability actions, our relentless focus on profitable growth, and stabilizing markets," said Klaus Kleinfeld, Alcoa chairman and chief executive, in a statement.

Shares in Alcoa closed 2.9 percent lower, at \$9.32, in an overall bear market as investors awaited the company to kick off the first earnings season of the year.

Investors welcomed the better-than-expected results, sending shares up 0.5 percent in after-hours trade.

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Sex-change women allowed to enter Miss Universe

NEW YORK (AFP) - Donald Trump's Miss Universe contest on Tuesday threw open its doors to transgender models, allowing men who have had a sex change the chance to be crowned the world's most beautiful woman.

The transgender contestants will be able to strut their stuff in the international beauty championships starting in 2013, while pioneering sex-change model Jenna Talackova will be allowed to take part this year, said gay and transgender rights organization GLAAD.

"At a time when transgender people are still routinely denied equal opportunities in housing, employment and medical care, today's decision is in line with the growing levels of public support for transgender people across the country," said Herndon Graddick, a spokesman for the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.

Paula Shugart, president of the Miss Universe Organization, said on GLAAD's website: "We have a long history of supporting equality for all women, and this was something we took very seriously."

The reversal of longstanding policy followed a campaign by Talackova, a

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Talackova, 23, underwent her sex change operation when she was 19 and is identified on her Canadian passport as a woman.

the start of this fall's 2013 pageant season; a time when most of the competitions around the world begin to take place."

The entry of transgender contestants does not actually mean that any woman can vie for the crown. Not only must hopefuls be between 18 and 26 years old, one major taboo remains: motherhood.

"No, contestants may not be married or pregnant," the missuniverse.com/missusa website says.

"They must not have ever been married, not had a marriage annulled nor given birth to, or parented, a child. The titleholders are also required to remain single throughout their reign."

Gold Coast Aruba: Great savings for large families on holiday rentals



Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

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Pacific atoll goes gaga for pop diva

The hope is that Lady Gaga will add an appearance in Niue after performing concerts in New Zealand in June.

Hogan said Niue would be thrilled to pamper the singer at one of its resorts if she did make the trip.

"We'd reserve a whole wing for her, of course," he said. "There's only one flight a week from New Zealand but I presume she'd have her own jet, so she could stay as long as she liked."

Known locally as "The Rock", Niue was settled by Polynesian seafarers more than 1,000 years ago and the palm-dotted island's name in the local language means "be-hold, the coconut".

The British explorer captain James Cook tried to land there three times in 1774 but was deterred by fearsome warriors, eventually giving up to set sail for more welcoming shores and naming Niue "Savage Island" on his charts.

Modern day Niueans are desperate for visitors, with the population dropping from a high of about 5,000 in the mid-1960s as people seek better economic opportunities in places such as New Zealand and Australia.



WELLINGTON (AFP) - The tiny Pacific atoll of Niue is attempting to lure US pop superstar Lady Gaga to its shores by pledging every single person from the island will attend if she performs there.

The island, about 2,500 kilometers (1,500 miles) northeast of New Zealand, has about 1,600 inhabitants and Niue Tourism spokesman Mike Hogan said they were all keen to see a concert by the chart-topping diva.

"It's not a promise many places could make, every person coming along," Auckland-based Hogan told AFP.

"She's really struck a chord with the kids on the island. She's so unusual and she thinks outside the box. So we thought we'd think outside the box and invite her here."

SPORTS

Football: Milan edge Chievo to go back to the top



AC Milan's Swedish forward Zlatan Ibrahimovic (L) vies with Chievo's defender Francesco Acerbi during their Italian Serie A football match

ROME (AFP) - AC Milan went back to the top of Serie A, for 24 hours at least, with a hard fought 1-0 victory at Chievo in rainy Verona on Tuesday.

Milan bounced straight back from Saturday's 2-1 defeat at home to Fiorentina despite being ravaged by injury and suspensions -- they had 14 players missing.

Ghana midfielder Sulley Muntari scored the only goal of the game early on as Milan moved two points clear of Juventus.

The Old Lady of Turin can retake the lead if they beat Lazio on Wednesday.

FOOTBALL: Barcelona pile pressure on Real .. continues from page 16

Earlier on Tuesday Raul Garcia scored two second-half goals to help Osasuna beat Espanyol 2-0 in a battle between two teams competing for places in next season's Europa League.

For Osasuna the result was the perfect recovery from last weekend's 6-0 reversal at Rayo Vallecano, however they were helped by a card happy referee who booked players from start to finish.

Espanyol ended the game with nine men when Philippe

It was a far from vintage Milan performance as Chievo bossed the game but showing the true form of champions they managed to nick the three points despite not playing well.

Such were their problems that coach Massimiliano Allegri gave teenage full-back Mattia De Sciglio a first ever league start, although he previously played in the Champions League.

And veteran midfielder Gennaro Gattuso was draughted back in for a first start since September.

Under pressure after picking up a single point from their previous two games and being overhauled by Juve, Milan needed a bit of luck and things immediately started to look rosy.

Muntari set his sights from more than 25 yards out and although he hit his strike truly, goalkeeper Stefano Sorrentino seemed slow in diving to his right and the ball nestled into the bottom corner on eight minutes.

That apart it was almost all Chievo in the first half but Milan still led at the break.

Former Milan forward Alberto Paloschi had the ball in the net after he was slipped in by Nicolas Frey but that effort was ruled out for a dubious

looking offside.

The young forward then played in Frenchman Cyril Thereau but goalkeeper Christian Abbiati tipped his low effort around the post.

Milan were playing exclusively on the break and one long punt forward caught the hosts' defence napping, sending Antonio Nocerino scampering clear only for the midfielder's awful first touch to carry straight through to Sorrentino.

Frey crossed to the back post but Sergio Pellissier headed wide.

Up the other end, Brazilian Robinho's step over sent two defenders the wrong way but his near post shot was shovelled behind.

On the stroke of half-time Pellissier teed up Luca Rigoni but he failed to hit the target from 15 yards.

Chievo continued to dominate against a weakened Milan team in the second half and Pellissier had two glorious chances to score but the first he volleyed straight at Abbiati and the second was deflected over.

Milan had their hearts in their mouths when Thereau's back flick clearly hit Alessandro Nesta's hand in the box but the Frenchman was flagged for offside.

Francesco Acerbi had the ball in the Milan net with the last kick of the game but that too was chalked off for offside, this time a clear one.

Courtois and Juan Forlin were sent off in the second half for two bookable offences each.

Osasuna stay sixth on 46 points while Espanyol, who have not won in five matches, remain four points behind in ninth position.

Real Betis and Real Sociedad shared a 1-1 draw to help both teams edge closer to survival.

Carlos Vela put Sociedad ahead just after half-time before Ruben Castro equalised on 69 minutes for Betis.

Earlier Imanol Agirretxe had a first-half penalty saved by Fabricio Agosto in the Betis goal.

Tennis: Murray dreams of Wimbledon double

LONDON (AFP) - Andy Murray is dreaming of a unique double this year by claiming a first Wimbledon title followed by an Olympic gold medal at the same venue just a few weeks later.

The world number four said Tuesday he is building his summer programme around a twin assault on Wimbledon and the Olympics, which will be staged at the All England Club during the London games.

"This summer coming up is going to be huge. Wimbledon and the Olympics would be two of my major goals," said Murray, who played at the

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"Everybody is playing now, a bit like the Slams. No one skips the Australian Open anymore."

Asked whether he views it as the fifth Grand Slam, Murray added: "I think so. I have only played in it once and it was very important to me."

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Team suspends manager for Castro comment



MIAMI (AFP) - The Miami Marlins on Tuesday suspended manager Ozzie Guillen for five games, effective immediately, for stirring controversy by telling an interviewer, "I love Fidel Castro."

"The Marlins acknowledge the seriousness of the comments attributed to Guillen," the Major League Baseball team said in a statement.

"The pain and suffering caused by Fidel Castro cannot be minimized especially in a community filled with victims of the dictatorship."

At a news conference Tuesday, the Venezuelan-born former shortstop apologized.

"I'm very disappointed and very -- very sad, I let those guys down," Guillen said.

"I let the ball club down... it's very important because that's the reason they hired me (was) to manage a ball club, not to talk about politics. And I think this is going to hurt me the most, not being with the ball club for that many days."

Guillen made the comments to Time Magazine. He later amended his remarks to say "I respect Fidel Castro. You know why? A lot of people have wanted to kill Fidel Castro for the last 60 years, but (he) is still there."

The team plays in a city with a large Cuban-American community, many of whom are rabid anti-Castro activists.

Guillen was an All-Star shortstop who played with the Chicago White Sox and other teams, then worked as a coach before managing the White Sox, winning the 2005 World Series. He began as manager in Miami this year.

Formula One: F1 chiefs powerless to force teams to Bahrain

LONDON (AFP) - Formula One supremo Bernie Ecclestone admitted on Tuesday that he was unable to force teams to participate in this month's Bahrain Grand Prix following a fresh outbreak of violence in the Gulf state.

Formula One teams are reportedly reluctant to race in Bahrain this season amid ongoing concerns over security in the country.

Last year's event was postponed following violent anti-government protests before eventually being removed from the schedule altogether.

Now Ecclestone has confirmed that the fate of this year's event on April 22 could be decided by the teams as authorities in Bahrain confirmed seven policeman were injured late on Monday in a bomb attack.

"We've no way we can force people to go there," Ecclestone said. "Commercially, they have to go, but whether they decide to or not is up to them. I've had no one say anything other than, 'We're going to be racing in Bahrain!'"

Ecclestone added that, as far as he was concerned, this year's race was still on.

"Yes. If the people in Bahrain are happy that they can run the event," he said. "We're not involved in any of the politics in Bahrain, over who is right or wrong."

"When you go to somebody's country you have to respect exactly how they run their country and the laws of



A Bahraini Shiite man walks past graffiti against holding the Formula One Grand Prix in Bahrain reading "Are you racing on the blood of martyrs?" in the village of Barbar, west of Manama.

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that country.

"The National Sporting Authority in that country are the people who can say, 'Well, we think we'd prefer not to run the event!'" The promoter can also say, 'We don't want it because there is too much risk.'

"We've an agreement with (governing body) the FIA that Bahrain is a round of the world championship, and we've a contract with the promoters, but I want to make clear it's nothing to do with finance."

Zayed al-Zayani, chairman of the Bahrain International Circuit, waded into the argument later on Tuesday, blaming "armchair observers" and "scaremongering tactics" by extremists for the debate over whether the Grand Prix should go ahead.

"What has been happening is that armchair observers -- who have not been sufficiently interested or committed to in-

vestigate the situation for themselves -- have been driving this debate, at the expense of those neutral parties who have taken the trouble to investigate the situation at first hand," Zayani said.

Zayani urged all stakeholders in Formula One to take note of "an informed, educated view of the situation" formed by a number of recent visitors to Bahrain.

He said in a statement that he wanted the stakeholders "to form their views on the facts of the situation, as presented by neutral first-hand observers".

John Yates, a former assistant commissioner in the London Metropolitan Police Service, who is an adviser to Bahrain's Interior Ministry on policing, was quoted in the statement as saying: "It's a really important event for this country. There is nothing that in any way warrants for the race to be postponed."

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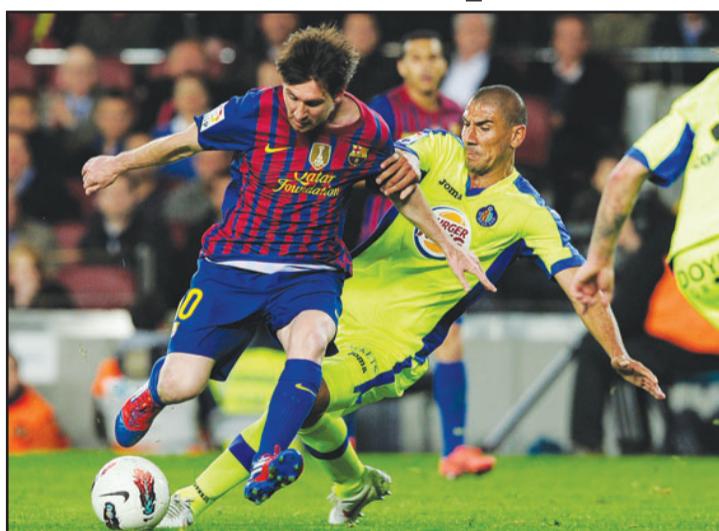
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Football: Barcelona pile pressure on Real with Getafe romp



Barcelona's Argentinian forward Lionel Messi (L) vies with Getafe's Argentinian defender Daniel Alberto D'az (R)

MADRID (AFP) - Defending champions Barcelona upped the pressure on leaders Real Madrid on Tuesday as they moved to within a point of their bitter rivals after a 4-0 thumping of Getafe.

Two goals from Alexis Sanchez, one from Pedro Rodriguez and Lionel Messi's 39th in the league this season gave Barca a 10th consecutive league victory after another near perfect performance by

the Catalans.

In the 22nd minute the home crowd chanted the name of Eric Abidal, the French international who on Tuesday underwent a liver transplant, in recognition of the number 22 shirt he wears as part of Barca's squad.

Real can restore their four point advantage if they beat Atletico Madrid on Wednesday - they have not lost to their city rivals since 1999.

The clash between Barca and Madrid on April 21st in the Camp Nou has become increasingly important as the Catalans have reduced the gap on Madrid from 10 points to only one in less than a month.

Barcelona dominated Getafe throughout, controlling possession with their usual passing game and goalkeeper Victor Valdes summed up the situation on the final whistle.

"Our work is done here, lets wait and see what Madrid do tomorrow night in their game," he said.

However coach Pep Guardiola was cautious about talking about his team's title chances.

"All we can do is think about our games, we have a big game away to Levante at the weekend and then a Champions League semi-final, we have to focus on those games and nobody else," he said.

Andres Iniesta had the game's first chance when his shot was tipped over by Miguel Angel Moya in the Getafe goal on 12 minutes.

A minute later and Barca

were ahead. Iniesta started the move on the left for Messi to chest the ball into the path of the Chilean Sanchez who made no mistake from 20 yards out.

On 17 minutes the lead was almost doubled when Xavi Hernandez had appeared to finish perfectly a neat passing move only for Argentinian centre-half Cata Diaz to scoop the ball clear on the goal-line.

Barca continued to dominate but did not add to their lead until just before half-time when Iniesta supplied Messi with a delightful back flick for the Argentinian to finish with

a powerful shot.

On 72 minutes Alexis doubled his tally heading home an inch perfect right-wing cross from youngster Isaac Cuenca.

Two minutes later and it was another header from Pedro who rounded off the scoring when he was quickest to meet a right-wing free-kick from Messi.

Barca turned on the style for the final minutes and Messi almost scored again from an impossible angle with two minutes remaining after a twisting run had taken him past 3 defenders.

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